

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 42-47 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A second ink for an ink jet recording apparatus used with a first ink comprising at least one dye as a colorant, the second ink having a same color tone as the first ink, the second ink comprising the same dye as at least one of the dyes in the first ink, and the second ink having a lower dye content than the dye content of the first ink,

wherein a degree of fading of an image produced with the second ink is the same as or lower than a degree of fading of an image produced with the first ink.

2-38. (Cancelled).

39. (Previously Presented) A second ink according to claim 1, wherein the color tone is magenta.

40. (Previously Presented) A second ink for an ink jet recording apparatus used with a first ink comprising at least one dye as a colorant, the second ink having a same color tone as the first ink, the second ink comprising the same dye as at least one of the dyes in the first ink, and the second ink having a lower dye content than the dye content of the first ink,

wherein an image produced with the second ink, when left under a condition that promotes fading, has a residual rate of reflection density that is equal to or greater than that of an image produced with the first ink.

41. (Previously Presented) A second ink according to Claim 40, wherein the color tone is magenta.

42. (New) A second ink according to claim 1, wherein each degree of the fading of the images produced with the first ink and the second ink is equal to or greater than 80% residual rate of reflection density of the image.

43. (New) A second ink according to claim 42, wherein the residual rate of reflection density of the image is obtained by irradiation with a xenon lamp at 6,000 klux·hr.

44. (New) A second ink according to claim 1, wherein the color tone is cyan.

45. (New) A second ink according to claim 40, wherein each residual rate of the reflection density of the images produced with the first ink and the second ink is equal to or greater than 80%.

46. (New) A second ink according to claim 45, wherein the condition includes irradiation with a xenon lamp at 6,000 klux·hr.

47. (New) A second ink according to claim 40, wherein the color tone is cyan.